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To Mr. BAVIUS, *Secretary to the Society of* Grub-ſtreet.

SIR,

THO few men are pleaſed with their own fortune, as the poet truly obſerves, yet, let who will carry on the reflection a little farther, he will be obliged to aſſent, that the generality of mankind are pleaſed with their own things, or, as the vulgar ſay, like their own things beſt. My horſe my dog, or my cat, nay, even my wife (amongſt the unpolite at leaſt) ſhall be preferable to my neighbours, as mine: and my boy TOM, with a ſnotty noſe, ſhall have more wit for his ſhare, than all the lads of the pariſh put together. This happy partiality is ſo far from being contrary to nature, that the contrary is always eſteemed next to unnatural. How far prudence may be concerned, is another queſtion: yet, I believe, even a Stoic will not deny, that to indulge and propagate this principle, is the readieſt way to make the world eaſy. For my part, I think that man muſt be endowed with an over-ſhare of ill-nature, who would go about to conteſt the matter; and thereby rob perhaps his well-meaning neighbour of a notion, which contributes much to his preſent felicity, without the leaſt injury to any round about him. Opinion here is nothing more than fancy: and, as long as the world laſts, fancy will be found as various as our faces.

In my converſation in the city, I have often heard a grave cit wonder at the homelineſs of his neighbour's wife, without offering to bring back the reflection any nearer home. I greatly approved of his wiſdom, that could applie the maxims of war, to a matrimonial ſtate, and carry his forces into a foreign field, to ſecure his own. But then, in my weak opinion, this piece of wiſdom will neceſſarily require another as its conſtant attendant. Secrecy, that neceſſary qualification either of a ſtateſman, or a general, will be found as indiſpenſibly neceſſary towards his domeſtic ſatisfaction. For, if ever the allarm reaches the ears of his neighbour's wife, a war inevitably enſues, ſure to laſt as long as that of Troy, tho' on a quite different occaſion. I never yet found, and if I live till I doe, I fear I ſhall be weary of life, any one woman, that, in her own unerring opinion, was not endued with ſomewhat more than lady GRACE's unaccountable ſomewhat. For which reaſon, ſure it will well become every domeſtic hero, to confine his ſingular admiration within doors, and to make it a cloſe priſoner to his own diſcretion. For he may depend upon it, the firſt time it breaks priſon, it will ſet fire to a magazine of ill humours, which will be blown up with a much greater noiſe than *aurum fulminans*, and with far more fatal conſequences. If therefore he ſeeks only his own ſatisfaction, why ſhould not his prudence lead him to confine his *jouiſſance* to the dear object of it? What need of compariſons to ſet off his own election? Or, why muſt they be publiſhed, to make them perfect? Will not experience ſatisfy us of the folly of many a man, who has ſo overloaded the partner of his boſom with extravagant commendations, that it has induced ſome lecher to fathom the depth of his ſentiments; and perhaps wheedled the object of his admiration into the curioſity of trying, whether or no thoſe ſentiments were not ſingular?

Not that I would pretend to rob her of his private praiſes, or her yoak-fellow of the ſatisfaction of thinking no man's wife like his own. Nay, even what the proverb declares a moſt odious part abroad, ſhould be indulged him at home, provided he whiſper it in her ear, in order to excite her conjugal *douceurs*, and, at the ſame time, lay her under canonical obedience not to ſpeak of it. —— Yet here again may ariſe another untoward queſtion, Whether any woman can, or ought, to keep any thing ſecret which may redound to her own glory, or ſpread abroad the excellence of her ſpouſe's ſuperior judgment. For my own part, I think it moſt proper to wave the diſcuſſion; and ſhall only ſay, that, as the ſatisfaction of ones own family is certainly of very great emolument; ſo next to our own ſatisfaction, we ought to regard that of our neighbour. If my neighbour therefore is ſo happy to be as complaiſant in his domeſtic opinion as I am, why ſhould I, by my vain compariſon, endeavour to eject him out of that happy ſentiment he is content to allow me?

Certain it is, wiſe men do not marry for beauty only. Tho' that in itſelf may be ingaging enough, other accompliſhments will be found requiſite to make thoſe ingagements laſting. If then the wife of my boſom is not ſo beautiful as the wife of my neighbour, yet, if I have obſerved excellencies in her, which are a ſufficient motive to affection, he who pretends to make me uneaſy, by arraigning her beauty, is certainly guilty of both an ungenerous and unchriſtian action. Nor would any prudent man make himſelf at all uneaſy at the reflection. Without ſeeking an advantage of repriſal, by raking into the weakneſſes or blemiſhes of the pretended rival; he would, like a good chriſtian, wiſh the empty boaſter endued with half the good qualities of the wife he makes his boaſts of, and not place his ſimple ſatisfaction in the deſtruction of that of his neighbour. A wife was one of the three things, in which a certain Iriſh peer was reſolved to excell: but tho' he was often heard to vapour of his houſe, and his horſe, he was always obſerved to keep the praiſe of his dear wife, tho' more admirable than either of the other, where it ought to lie, in his own boſom; and yet the world thought him never the leſs diſcreet, or that ſhe was leſs the object of his love and admiration.

It was not long ſince, that I went with TIMOTHY FURROW, Eſq; to make a congratulatory viſit to a new-married couple. TIM was not altogether ſo well acquainted in the family, as my ſelf; for which reaſon he deſired me to play the gentleman-uſher. On our return, TIM ſeemed uneaſy, 'till he had unloaded himſelf of his admiration at the choice of Mr. Bridegroom, in this emphatical manner; What a homely piece Mrs. Bride is? In a little time, according to laudable cuſtom, they returned the viſit; and the very next time I ſaw Mr. Bridegroom, he entertained me with an alternate compliment, That TIM wanted eyes, or he could never have pitched upon a perſon ſo little inviteing. Behold here a pair of matrimonial heroes equally critical, and equally ſatisfied. How fair a field had a malicious perſon to ſow a promiſing crop upon? But as they had each of them delivered their cordial ſentiments voluntarily, I thought it no breach of friendſhip to either of them, to keep mine to myſelf I gave then, and ſtill give, both the hearing? but without any ſigns of either aſſent, or diſſent: nevertheleſs it cannot be ſuppoſed, but when I am by myſelf, I draw concluſions upon both, without any advantage to either.

This has confirmed me in the rules I had layed down for my own conduct, ſome of which perhaps may be of benefit to others: for which reaſon I will now communicate them. — The firſt rule I have ſet to my ſelf, is this, that, if ever I ſhall change my preſent ſtate of life, I will prefer neither beauty, nor fortune, to ſenſe and good humour. Thoſe, as a poet of our own finely ſays, will ever laſt, when beauty may, nay muſt fade; and fortune itſelf will have no power to make life eaſy, without the other two. —— But ſecondly, I will endeavour to chuſe one, who, if ſhe be no beauty, is at a pretty good diſtance from deformity. For, tho' it is commonly enough ſayed, and in ſome meaſure it may be true, that fancy ſurpaſſes beauty; yet there is no more reaſon, that a man's fancy ſhould ſtigmatize his ſenſes, than that his patience, doubtleſs to be tried enough without, ſhould bear the burden of perpetual ſarcaſms. The world is wide enough: and a man, who has lived to my years a batchelor, will have no need to run a double gantlope, where the wits of the age declare any one of them a ſufficient topic for ſatire. —— Yet thirdly, If a homely piece of houſhold-ſtuff ſhould fall to my lot, I would of all things take particular care not to provoke the ſatire of my neighbour, by any overweening reflections or compariſons. To be ſure, under ſuch a diſaſter, I would endeavour to ſecure ſome fiddle-faddle grace or other, to commute for my liberty. Good ſenſe, or good houſe-wifery, or good humour, or ſome other good thing, ſhould excuſe me to my ſelf at leaſt: and ſo long as I find complaiſance and content at home, my neighbour muſt have very little to do, and muſt approve himſelf a man of vaſt receſs, both of buſineſs and wiſdom, who will go about to diſturb the peace of one that never troubles his head with him, or any thing that belongs to him.

If I think my own wife handſomer, diſcreeter, or a better houſe-wife than his, can it be any addition to my own happineſs, to endeavour to leſſen his, by acquainting him with my ſentiments? But on the contrary, if I am conſcious to my ſelf, that we are barely on a level in the matter, as to outward appearance at leaſt; what a laxneſs of tongue, or what an abſence of diſcretion, ſhall I demonſtrate, to triumph in advantages, of which I cannot make others ſenſible, without expoſing myſelf to the cenſures and ill-natured obſervations of thoſe, who perhaps would not, without ſuch a provocation, ever have troubled their heads with me? Sure the heighth of every man's real enjoyment muſt be in his own domeſtic content. He that pretends to be happy without it, deludes himſelf. To enjoy our own with ſatisfaction, and to rejoyce in the ſatisfaction of our neighbours, is an attainment at which very few arrive: among whom, thoſe can never be reckoned, who endeavour to make others uneaſy in their enjoyments, by a ridiculous oſtentation of their own. I write this chiefly for the inſtruction of my friend TIM; and as I am under no apprehenſion of its not falling into his hands, ſo I will not do him the injuſtice, ſo far as to doubt his judgment, in making a right uſe and application.

TOM. TELL-TROTH.

O. Sedgwick.

The PROSPECT.

How ſweetly opening with the bluſhing morn,
Yon purpled clouds earth's canopy adorn!
The glorious ſun breaks forth to run his race,
And paints with radiant ſmiles all nature's face.
Hark! from the feather'd choirs harmonious throats,
How all around ſoft-echoing muſic floats.
But leſt the tranſport too aſpiring riſe,
The ſinking lark employs the ears and eyes.
The waving corn now greets the raviſh'd ſight,
Wand'ring o'er fertile fields with freſh delight.
Thro' verdant vallies, groves, and flow'ry meads,
Now following where th' winding current leads;
Whether with rapid ſtream the banks it chides,
Or gently flowing, ſmooth, and ſilent glides;
In wide expanſe, or narrowed thro' the trees;
Its ſilver ſurface ruffled with the breeze:
Which, riſing from the weſt, on fragrant wings,
From herbs and flow'rs refreſhing odours brings.
Th' enamell'd grounds, which riſe in circuit wide,
Preſent their teeming banks in ſunny pride.
Beyond the hill where that thick foreſt grows,
One more aſpiring bends its awful brows.
Midſt ſhading woods ſome lofty buildings ſtand,
Some from the ſloping lawns a view command;
Where num'rous flocks and herds, or grazing ſtray,
Or fill'd repoſe, or wanton skip and play:
Farms, villages, and ſeats, lye ſcatter'd round,
With orchats, groves, or parks, or gardens crown'd.
The ſound of bells from ſome high ſteeple ſwings;
With ſolemn muſick hill and valley rings:
The fancy ſeeks them, travelling o'er the plain,
Loſt in purſuit, yet not purſues in vain:
For there another proſpect far extends,
Doubtful, if ſea or ſky the landſcape ends.
But gathering clouds o'erſhade the darken'd plain,
And whiſtling winds foretell impending rain:
The ſun withdraws its beams; through clouded ſkies
Darted oblique the pointed light'ning flies;
To pious awe awakening hardyeſt ſouls,
Succeeding every flaſh, loud thunder rolls.
Then falls impetuous, rattling hail, or rain,
Whitening the hills, or flowing through the plain.
The ſtorms abate in milder ſprinkling ſhow'rs;
The clouds diſperſe; the ſky no longer low'rs:
High in the azure vault, with peaceful ſhow,
Is turn'd the arch of IRIS' painted bow:
The glitt'ring ſun darts down th' inlivening ray,
Reviving nature with returning day;
Whoſe face, like widow's, after tears more bright,
Smiles by reflected beams with double light.

Q. T.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
A. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*
G E. *General Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *May* 2. Yeſterday being the firſt day of term, the lord chancellor, &c. went to Weſtminſter-hall,

&c. *C. D P.*

The ſame day No. 101,467, was drawn a prize of 500 l. *C.* &c.

On monday a mandate was ſent down to Trinity college Camb. for the deprivation of Dr. Bentley. *C DP.*

Charles, earl of Hopton, is made a commiſſioner of trade in North Britain, in the room of the earl of Buchan. *D P.* —— Joſelin Sidney, Eſq; is appointed porter of the Tower of London. *L E.*

They write from Dover, that about 30 perſons will be proſecuted upon the act againſt bribery. *D P.* —— At Guilford the poll was thus: the hon Ric. Onſlow 105. Col. Onſlow 98. Cha. Child, Eſq; 96. An honeſt elector when he came to poll and take the oath againſt bribery and corruption, ſaid, he could not ſee how he could in conſcience take that oath; and produc'd a letter wrote by *a certain perſon*, with ten guineas inclos'd for his vote, which he diſdained, and ſo voted for Mr. Child. This is not the ſingle inſtance (hundreds can be produced) of publick bribery and corruption on one ſide. *L J.* ——*I hear, that this* certain perſon *declared, that the* ten guineas *were ſent as an act of charity: he ſhould have ſayed*, ſeptennial charity.

The right hon. John earl of Stair, hath obtain'd leave to go a voluntier in the imperial army. *L E.*

FRIDAY, *May* 3. Our court has received advice, that the prince and princeſs of Orange paſs'd thro' Holland incognito. —— Their highneſſes, with all the ladies, excepting lady Southwell, had but an indifferent voyage to Rotterdam, having been very ſea-ſick. *D P.*

Yeſterday, at a meeting of the treaſurers and truſtees of moſt or all of the charity ſchools of London, Weſtminſter, Southwark, and the adjacent places, Mr. Dep. Farringdon, Mr. Allen Web, Mr. Iſaac Waldo, Mr. John Hoare, Mr. Francis Lutterel, and Mr. Wm. Pearſe, were choſen ſtewards, for the year enſuing. *D J. D A.*

SATURDAY, *May* 4. Yeſterday No. 90,979, was drawn a prize of 1000 l. *C. D P. D J. D A.*

On thurſday night a quarrel happen'd at the Hampſhire hog in Piccadilly, between two life guard-men, and murder being cried, a watchman went to quiet them; and one of them run him thro' the body, and ſtabbed him a ſecond time, of which wounds he died laſt night. *D. J.* — *It is pity*, the watchman *did not leave theſe* two life guard-men *to be reduced by each other, to one, or none.*

This day at noon the ſheriffs declared Mr. Boſworth to be chamberlain of this city, by a majority of 4, the number of bad votes being

For Mr. Boſworth 114: Mr. Selwin 112.

And then the numbers ſtood thus:

For Mr. Boſworth 3212: Mr. Selwin 3208. *LE. SJ.*

This day the right hon. Sir Rob. Walpole went to his ſeat in Norfolk. *G. E.* —— Upon the intervening of ſome extraordinary affairs, he has deferred his journey. *D A. May* 6.

MONDAY, *May* 6. On ſaturday his majeſty was pleaſed to ſign 2 commiſſions, appointing the lord Forbes, and Capt. Haddock admirals of the royal navy, in the room of Sir John Jennings, and the late admiral Mighells. *D P.* —— Tancred Robinſon is appointed firſt captain of the Britannia. *D P. P.*

On ſaturday No. 2269, was drawn a prize of 1000 l. and No. 37,494, and No. 13,947, 500 l. each. *D P. D A.*

TUESDAY, *May* 7. Yeſterday No. 57,785 was drawn 10,000 l. and 50,462, a prize of 1000 l. *C. DP. EJ. DP. DJ.* —— The former, we hear, is the property of Mr. Will. Thomas, a land-waiter at the Cuſtom-houſe. *D A.*

Yeſterday between 1 and 2, a fire broke out at Mr. Holliwoods, at Fleet-ditch, near Black-fryers, occaſioned by workmen leaving ſome ſhavings burning under the glew-pot, while they went to dinner: it conſumed 4 houſes, and very much damaged Dr. Wright's meeting houſe; the damage is computed at 6000 l. *C. D P.* — At Mr. Oulton's. *P.* — Mr. Holton's. *D J.* —— *Theſe* ſhavings *under* glew-pots *are as ſerviceable to* work-men *as ſleeves.*

Laſt night Mr. Ald. Godſcall met Meſſ. Ald. Barber, Brocas, Champion, &c. and in a very handſome and genteel manner declar'd, That for the peace and quiet of the city, and ſupport of the general intereſt, he declin'd ſtanding as a candidate; and would recommend Mr. Ald. Barber's intereſt to all his friends: and its now not doubted, but the worthy liverymen will vigorouſly ſupport the intereſt of Mr. Ald. Parſons, Barber, Barnard, and Perry. *D P.* —— It is generally believed, that the livery will concur in electing Mr. Willimot. *D J.*

The lord mayor has drank to Thomas Snow, Eſq; an eminent banker without Temple bar, for ſheriff of this city. *D P.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 8. On ſaturday morning a boat returning from Graveſend was overſet, over-againſt Greenhithe, by a ſudden ſquall of wind, by which accident 4 perſons were drowned. *C. D P.*

Laſt night his grace the duke of Dorſet, lord lieutenant of Ireland, and his dutcheſs, with a very numerous retinue, arrived from that kingdom at his houſe at Whitehall. *D P.*

Married, laſt week, Edw. Northey, Eſq; to Mrs. Pearſe of Epſom, a gentlewoman of 10,000 l. fortune. *D P.*

MEMBERS choſen for the enſuing *Parliament.*

Aldborough, Yorkſ —‡ *Hon. Hen. Pelham:* ‡ *Will. Jeſſop.*
Aſhburton—‡ *Reg. Tuckfield: The hon. Sir Will. Yonge.*
Bridport—‡ *Will. Bowles:* * *Solomon Aſhley, Eſqs;*
Bridgwater—‡ *Geo. Doddington:* ‡ Thomas Palmer, Eſqs;
Bath—‡ *George Wade;* * John Codrington, Eſqs;
Berks—Winchcomb Packer: William Archer, Eſqs;
Bewdley—*William Bowles, Eſq;*
Boroughbridge—‡ *Brig. Jam. Tyrrell:* ‡ *Geo. Gregory.*
Bodmin—‡ *Sir John Heathcote:* ‡ *John Laroche, Eſq;*
Borealſton—‡ *Sir Francis Henry Drake:* * *John Briſtow.*
Berwick—‡ *George Lyddel, Eſq;* * *Lord Polworth.*
Camb. Un.—‡ *Hon. Edw. Finch:* ‡ *Tho. Townſhend, Eſqs;*
Callington—‡ *Tho. Coppleſton: Iſaac Lebeupe, Eſq;*
Canterbury—Sir Will Hardreſs, Bart. Tho. May, Eſq;
Chicheſter—*The hon. Jam. Brudenell, Eſq;* Col. Yates.
Camelford—**Sir Tho. Littleton: Col. Jam. Cholmondeley.*
Dartmouth—‡ *Walter Carey:* ‡ *George Treby, Eſqs;*
Dorcheſter—‡ *Sir Will. Chappel:* ‡ John Brown, Eſq;
Droitwich—‡ Edward Foley: ‡ *Tho. Winnington, Eſqs;*
Durham T.—John Shaftoe: * Henry Lambton, Eſqs.
Eveſham—‡ Sir John Ruſhout: * *William Taylor, Eſq;*
Fowey—‡ Jonathan Raſhleigh: * *John Hodges, Eſqs;*
Grimsby—*Sir R. Sutton, Knt.* * Robert Knight, Eſq;
Haſtings—‡ *Sir Will. Aſhburnham:* ‡ *Tho. Pelham, jun.*
Heitbury—‡ *Edw. Aſh:* ‡ *Hon. Horatio Townſhend, Eſqs;*
Hertford Co.—Sir Tho. Sebright: Will. Plummer, Eſq;
Hindon in Wilts—*Stephen Fox:* * George Fox, Eſqs;
Helſton—‡ *John Evelyn:* ‡ *John Harris, Eſqs;*
Hull—‡ *George Crowle:* ‡ *Henry Maſters, Eſqs.*
Hereford—* Tho. Foley, jun. Eſq; * Sir John Morgan.
Ilcheſter—‡ *Charles Lockyer, Eſq;* * Sir Robert Brown.
Knaresborough—‡ Sir Hen. Slingsby: ‡ *Rich. Arundel.*
Leominſter—‡ *Sir George Caſwall:* * Rob. Harley, Eſq;
Lincoln Cit.—* *Char. Monſon:* * Conings by Sibthorpe.
Lyme—*John Scrope:* ‡ *Hen. Holt Henley, Eſqs;*
Lancaſter—Sir Tho. Lowther, Bart. Rob. Fenwick, Eſq;
Launceſton—‡ Sir Will. Morrice: ‡ *Hon. John King, Eſq;*
Leſtwithiel—*Richard Edgcomb: Iſaac Lebeup, Eſqs;*
Leskard—*Richard Elliot:* * *George Dennis, Eſqs;*
Malden—‡ *Hen. Parſons, Eſq; Col. Martin Bladen.*
Marlborough—‡ Edw. Liſle: Francis Seymour, Eſqrs;
Milbourn Port—Tho. Medlicott: Michael Harvey, Eſqs;
Morpeth—‡ Lord Morpeth: * *Sir Hen. Liddel, Bart.*
Malton—‡ *Hon. Hen. Finch, Eſq;* ‡ *Sir Will. Wentworth.*
Monmouth — Lord Noel Somerſet.
Montgomery — * *William Corbet, Eſq;*
Monmouth Co.—**Thom. Morgan, Eſq;* ‡ *Major Hanbury.*
Melcomb Regis—*Hon. Geo. Doddington:* * *Geo. Doddington.*
St. Michael's—*Tho. Farrington: Will. Wardour, Eſqs;*
Northallerton—‡ *Leonard Smelt:* ‡ *Henry Pierce, Eſqs;*
Newcaſtle Under.—‡ Bap. Leveſon Gower: * *Jo. Lawton.*
Newton—William Shippen: Leigh Maſters, Eſqs;
New Radnor — ‡ *Thomas Lewis, Eſq;*
Orford—* Rich. Powys: * Lewis Barlow, Eſqs;
Oxford Co.—‡ Sir Wm. Stapleton: ‡ Hen. Perrot, Eſq;
Oxford Un.—‡ Lord Cornbury: ‡ George Clarke, Eſq;
Oakhampton—‡ William Northmore: ‡ *Tho. Pitt Eſqs;*
Preſton—‡ *Sir Hen. Houghton:* ‡ Nich. Fazakerley, Eſq;
Petersfield—* *Sir Will. Jolyffe, Knt.* * Edw. Gybbon.
Pontefract—*Lord Galway:* ‡ *Sir William Lowther.*
Plympton—‡ *Rich. Edgcomb: Tho. Clutterbuck, Eſqs;*
Plymouth—‡ *Hon. Rob. Byng:* ‡ *Arthur Stert, Eſqs;*
Pool—*Geo. Trenchard: Tho. Wyndham, Eſqs;*
Retford—*Tho. White, Eſq; Sir R. Cliſton, Knt.*
Richmond—‡ *Sir Conyers Darcey:* ‡ *John York, Eſq;*
Rippon—‡ Will. Aiſlabie: * Tho. Duncomb, Eſqs;
Seaford—‡ *Sir Will. Gage, Bart.* ‡ *Will. Haye, Eſq;*
Stafford Co.—Sir Walt. Wagſtaff Bagot: Wm. Lev. Gower.
Suffolk—Sir Rob. Kemp, Bart. Sir Jermyn Davers, Bart.
Surrey Co.—‡ *Arthur Onſlow:* ‡ Tho. Scawen, Eſqs;
Shrewsbury—* *Sir Rich. Corbet:* * *Will. Kinaſton, Eſqs;*
Saltaſh—‡ *Lord Glenorchy:* * *Thomas Corbet, Eſq;*
Tamworth—* *Lord John Sackville:* Major Compton.
Tiverton—‡ *Arthur Arſcott: Dudley Rider, Eſqrs;*
Taviſtock—* *Hon. Charles Fane:* Sidney Meadows, Eſqs;
Tewksbury—* Robert Tracey, Eſq; ‡ Lord Gage.
Great Wenlock—‡ *Sam. Edwards: Will. Forreſter, Eſqs;*
Whitchurch—‡ *John Conduit:* * *John Selwyn, jun. Eſqs;*
Wigan—* Earl of Barrimore: ‡ *Sir Roger Bradſhaigh.*
Weobley—* *Sir John Buckworth: Mr. Baron Birch.*
Worceſter Co.—‡ Sir Herb. Packington: * Ed. Lechmere.
Worceſter Ci. Sam. Sandys: * Rich. Lockwood, Eſqs;
Wells—Geo. Hamilton: Thomas Edwards, Eſqs;
Weymouth—‡ *Thomas Pearce:* ‡ *Edw. Tucker, Eſqs;*
Yarmouth—‡ *Col. Townſhend: Edw. Walpole, Eſqs.*

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From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

To the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Maſons.

WORTHY BRETHREN,

On the late and preſent GRAND (1) MASTER having been *both* pleaſed to appoint the *Maſons* annual play, this year, for my benefit, (2) in *honour to them* in particular, and *to the fraternity* in general, more than thro' the expectation of what profits may accrue, I embrace their favour, againſt the diſadvantages of a warm ſeaſon and an empty town. As neither my own want of leiſure, nor the convenience of your meetings, would permit me *perſonally to addreſs myſelf to you all*, I flatter myſelf you will *excuſe that form*, (3) and pay the proper reſpect, in my favour, to the *Grand Maſter's* letter, circulated to your reſpective *lodges* on this occaſion; and who has done me the honour to recommend to you, —— (4) that, tho' the publick affairs have called away ſo many of the nobility, and perſons of diſtinction, you would not, however, be the leſs aſſiduous, but rather exert yourſelves, and appear as numerous as may be, (5) *in honour of maſonry*. In this, *I am proud to hope*, you will ſhew your *boaſted* unanimity, and ſocial virtue; and ſuffer my want of merit in all other regards, to be ſupply'd by that one of being a *brother* of your *ſociety:* a ſociety that is founded on, and ſupported by the principles of *harmony*. (6) Principles, that muſt ſurvive the diſſolution of *form* and *matter*.

I ought not to omit the opportunity of declaring, with what (7) *alacrity* the maſter of the Theatre in *Drury-*

NOTES.

(1) Read, *maſters*, plur. referring to *both*. (2) Alluding to Sir *Rich. Steele*'s figure of ſpeech, I *riſe up* to do honour *to this houſe*. —— The ſtyle of a *parliament man*. (3) The ſtyle of a *Candidate*, in his letters to the *Livery-men* or *Freeholders*. (4) *An hundred pound* (quoth Busby) *for a* noun ſubſtantive! (5) N. B. Mr. *Theobald* an honour to maſonry. (6) Obſerve Mr. *Th* ——'s ſkill in philoſophy. (7) Quære, Whether the preſent maſter be a dancing-maſter.

lane, who is himſelf a *worthy brother*, comply'd to grant me the night for your entertainment. Such a behaviour always doubles an obligation, as heſitation and delay as ſurely weaken an intended one. *Ingratum eſt beneficium, quod diu inter manus dantis hæſit.* (8)

I ſhall only add, that the *play* appointed is to be on *Saturday* next, the 4th of *May*, when I both hope to have the honour of your companies, and that your appearance will be *well ſeconded by a circle of friends*, who, (2) *tho' not maſons*, are the encouragers of *art* and *ſenſible pleaſures* (10.) *All gentlemen* and *ladies* are deſired to be early (11) in *applying for their places* at the Theatre.

I am, with all reſpect, worthy brethren,
your very faithful brother, and moſt obedient humble ſervant,
LEW. THEOBALD.

Wyan's Court in Great Ruſſel-ſtreet, 29 Apr. 1734.

(8) He underſtands the Latin! (9) How will thoſe who are not *Maſons*, do *honour* to *Maſonry*? (10) Others read ſenſual; and as *ladies* are mentioned who cannot be Maſons, this ſeems to be the right reading. (11) *Applying*, i. e. ſoliciting for ſo great honour as a *place*, not at court, but at Mr. *Theobald*'s benefit.

On the joyous occaſion of Mr. C——RS *marriage with* miſs A—NE.

How happy bright C—R are all thy inventions,
What conſtant ſucceſs always crowns your pretenſions!
I. you write, play, or court; either father, or ſon,
By no ſoul but yourſelves can be ever out-done.
Now all your *out-doings* are *out-done* indeed,
Since your glorious deſign on miſs A——NE did ſucceed.
Her beauty, her fortune, her ſweet little voice,
Were inducements ſufficient to make her your choice.
Beſides, ſhould in Opera-ballad your wit
Be diſplay'd; how your words the fine muſic would fit!
From ſo great performance what advantage muſt ſpring,
When TOM A—NE ſhall compoſe what his ſiſter ſhall ſing!

Cold Bath-fields, Ap. 30, 1730. TWEEDLEDUM TWEEDLEDEE.

Since our laſt, we have received three letters; the firſt ſubſcribed SOME-BODY; the ſecond, N. A. and the third, OLIVER GRUB; and likewiſe a ſhort ballad intitled, *A word to the wiſe*.

Dublin, Ap. 27. By letters from Limerick, we are informed, that 15 houſes were burnt there a few days ago. C. *May* 6.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *May* 2. —— *Paris, May* 8. N. S. The count de Belleiſle, having received information, that the Imperialiſts had a magazine of meal and oats, and 3000 bombs at Bingen, between Mentz and Coblentz, he detached the Chevalier de la CROIX, who went and threw it all into the Rhine. —— The caſtle of Traerbach hath ſurrendered. *C.* &c.

SATURDAY, *May* 4. —— *Petersburgh, Ap.* 11. An expreſs arrived here from Derbent with advice, that on Feb. 28th the army of Schack Kouli Kan had intirely defeated 45,000 Turks, which were come to ſuccour the city of Babylon; above 20,000 being killed on the ſpot, or taken priſoners, the reſt finding means to get into the town, which ſtill remains cloſe blocked up. *D J.*

MONDAY, *May* 6. —— *Paris, May* 12. N. S. The duke of Berwick has forced the lines of Etlingen near Philipsburg, with very little loſs. *P.* —— And is advanced to Dourlach. *D P.* The Imperialiſts had paſſed the Po at Revero, but the marſhal de Villars made them repaſs that river after a bloody battle. *P. DP. DA.*

Dreſden, May 3. The defeat of the Poliſh army by general Lacy is confirm'd: he laid about 1000 dead on the ſpot, and took a great number of horſes deſigned for the ſervice of the French. *D A.* —— Our laſt letters from Cracow mention another defeat of 10,000 Poles by general Diemar. *D P. D A.*

From the Camp before Dantzick, May 3. Our fire began on May 1, from a battery of 6 large mortar-pieces, and 8 batteries of cannon. We have thrown into the city 330 bomb ſhells, weighing from 3 to 400 each, and doubt not of the havock they have made by the diſmal cries of the inhabitants. *D A.*

WEDNESDAY, *May* 8. —— *Upper Rhine. May* 1. N. S. The imperial army under prince Eugene is encamped at Obſtadt; and the French, under the duke of Berwick, at Graben. *C.*

From the Camp before Dantzick, May 5. We fire 4 or 5 bombs, and 10 cannon ſhot an hour into the place; and we can plainly perceive both the town and the ſuburbs to be ſet on fire from time to time. *P.*

Paris, May 7. The celebrated poet M. Voltaire has been ſeized here, and baniſhed by *lettre de cachet*, to the caſtle of Auxonne near Autun. *P.*

Hague, May 14. The prince and princeſs of Orange arrived at Leewarden, and were received with all poſſible marks of joy. *D J.*

There are letters in town from Dantzick, which mention, that eight of the French tranſports dropt Anchor the 3d inſt. N S. at the mouth of the Viſtula, and that the ſame night the Dantzickers made a Sally with 6000 men, to give a diverſion to the Ruſſians, whilſt the French landed, which took effect, and the troops arrived ſafe in the city: that another ſally was made the next night by the new arrived troops, in conjunction with the Dantzickers, with ſuch ſucceſs, that they nailed up two mortars, and obtained other ſignal advantage over the Muſcovites. *D A.*

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